

AGENDA



Thursday, December 13, 2007

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 25

Subject: Approve execution of a 12-month contract with COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS-CENTRAL TEXAS, INC., Austin, TX for youth services in an amount not to exceed \$291,754.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$218,816 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The term of the contract is for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Funding for the balance of this contract is contingent on available funding in a future budget.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

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Prior Council Action: On December 14, 2006 Council approved a 12-month contract with Communities in Schools including one 12-month renewal option. On September 10, 2007, Council approved additional funding for this contract in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Approved Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND:

Communities in Schools-Central Texas, Inc. (CIS) works to keep kids in school through extensive services promoting student's school success and life skills. CIS targets students who are at risk for dropping out of school or school failure. If students' needs are addressed early and they receive necessary support and guidance, they are more likely to stay in school and graduate. City funding supports two programs: (1) Early Dropout Prevention Program and (2) Pebble Project. On September 10, 2007, Council approved a 3.5 percent increase for all social services contracts and an additional \$100,000 to the CIS contract which will enable CIS to serve two additional schools, Overton and Perez, through their Early Dropout Prevention Program.